

Lastly, Applicants are filing herewith an Information Disclosure Statement to submit an English translation of S. Katsumata et al, Bulletin of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Nihon University, vol. 34, pp. 223-231 (1977), which is listed as Ref. AX on the Form PTO 1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application on January 28, 2002, and is cited as Document 1 in the International Preliminary Examination Report also filed with the application on January 28, 2002. Applicants note that in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application on January 28, 2002, Ref. AX was indicated as having a publication year of 1997, rather than 1977. This mistake was the result of the incorrect year being given in the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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